

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 SB2383

Introduced 2/15/2013, by Sen. Antonio Muñoz

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

205 ILCS 670/1 from Ch. 17, par. 5401 205 ILCS 670/12 from Ch. 17, par. 5412 205 ILCS 670/19.2 815 ILCS 122/2-5 815 ILCS 122/3-5

Amends the Consumer Installment Loan Act. Provides that no licensee shall conduct the business of making loans under the Act within any office, suite, room, or other place of business in which any other business is solicited or engaged unless the other business is licensed by any licensing authority in this State or, in the opinion of the Director of Financial Institutions, the other business would not be contrary to the best interests of consumers. Amends the Payday Loan Reform Act. Provides that no licensee shall conduct the business of making loans under the Act within any office, suite, room, or place of business in which any other business is solicited or engaged in unless the other business is licensed by any licensing authority in this State or, in the opinion of the Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation, the other business would not be contrary to the best interests of consumers and is authorized by the Secretary of in writing. Changes the maximum time period for payday loans to 182 days (was 180 days). Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Consumer Installment Loan Act is amended by changing Sections 1, 12, and 19.2 as follows:

(205 ILCS 670/1) (from Ch. 17, par. 5401)

Sec. 1. License required to engage in business. No person, partnership, association, limited liability company, corporation shall engage in the business of making loans of money in a principal amount not exceeding \$40,000, and charge, contract for, or receive on any such loan a greater rate of interest, discount, or consideration therefor than the lender would be permitted by law to charge if he were not a licensee hereunder, except as authorized by this Act after first obtaining a license from the Director of Financial Institutions (hereinafter called the Director). No licensee, or employee or affiliate thereof, that is licensed under the Payday Reform Act shall obtain a license under this Act except that a licensee under the Payday Loan Reform Act may obtain a license under this Act for the exclusive purpose and use of making title-secured loans, as defined in subsection (a) of Section 15 of this Act and governed by Title 38, Section 110.300 of the Illinois Administrative Code. For the purpose of this Section,

1 "affiliate" means any person or entity that directly or

indirectly controls, is controlled by, or shares control with

another person or entity. A person or entity has control over

another if the person or entity has an ownership interest of

5 <del>25% or more in the other.</del>

6 (Source: P.A. 96-936, eff. 3-21-11; 97-420, eff. 1-1-12.)

- 7 (205 ILCS 670/12) (from Ch. 17, par. 5412)
- 8 Sec. 12. Other business.
  - (a) No licensee shall conduct the business of making loans under this Act within any office, suite, room, or other place of business in which any other business is solicited or engaged unless the other business is licensed by any licensing authority in this State or, in the opinion of the Director, the other business would not be contrary to the best interests of consumers and is authorized by the Director in writing. Upon application by the licensee, and approval by the Director, the Director may approve the conduct of other businesses not specifically permitted by this Act in the licensee's place of business, unless the Director finds that such conduct will conceal or facilitate evasion or violation of this Act. Such approval shall be in writing and shall describe the other businesses which may be conducted in the licensed office.
    - (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Section, a A licensee may, without notice to and approval of the Director, in addition to the business permitted by this Act, conduct the

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- following business:
- 2 (1) The business of a sales finance agency as defined 3 in the Sales Finance Agency Act.
  - (2) The business of soliciting or selling any type of insurance provided that all such insurance transactions are conducted in accordance with and are regulated under the Illinois Insurance Code.
    - (3) The business of financing premiums for insurance.
- 9 (4) Making loans pursuant to the Financial Services
  10 Development Act.
- The Director shall make and enforce such reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of business under this Act in the same office with other businesses as may be necessary to prevent evasions or violations of this Act. The Director may investigate any business conducted in the licensed office to determine whether any evasion or violation of this Act has occurred.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 90-437, eff. 1-1-98.)
- 19 (205 ILCS 670/19.2)
- Sec. 19.2. Licensee; prohibition against accepting certain checks. At the time a loan is made <u>under this Act</u>, or within 20 days after a loan is made, a licensee shall not (i) accept a check and agree to hold it for a period of days before deposit or presentment or (ii) accept a check dated subsequent to the date written.

- 1 (Source: P.A. 96-936, eff. 3-21-11.)
- 2 Section 10. The Payday Loan Reform Act is amended by
- 3 changing Sections 2-5 and 3-5 as follows:
- 4 (815 ILCS 122/2-5)
- 5 Sec. 2-5. Loan terms.
- 6 (a) Without affecting the right of a consumer to prepay at
  7 any time without cost or penalty, no payday loan may have a
- 8 minimum term of less than 13 days.
- 9 (b) Except for an installment payday loan as defined in
- 10 this Section, no payday loan may be made to a consumer if the
- loan would result in the consumer being indebted to one or more
- 12 payday lenders for a period in excess of 45 consecutive days.
- 13 Except as provided under subsection (c) of this Section and
- 14 Section 2-40, if a consumer has or has had loans outstanding
- for a period in excess of 45 consecutive days, no payday lender
- 16 may offer or make a loan to the consumer for at least 7
- 17 calendar days after the date on which the outstanding balance
- 18 of all payday loans made during the 45 consecutive day period
- 19 is paid in full. For purposes of this subsection, the term
- "consecutive days" means a series of continuous calendar days
- in which the consumer has an outstanding balance on one or more
- 22 payday loans; however, if a payday loan is made to a consumer
- 23 within 6 days or less after the outstanding balance of all
- loans is paid in full, those days are counted as "consecutive

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days" for purposes of this subsection.

- (c) Notwithstanding anything in this Act to the contrary, a payday loan shall also include any installment loan otherwise meeting the definition of payday loan contained in Section 1-10, but that has a term agreed by the parties of not less than 112 days and not exceeding 182 180 days; hereinafter an "installment payday loan". The following provisions shall apply:
  - Any installment payday loan must be fully (i) amortizing, with a finance charge calculated on the principal balances scheduled to be outstanding and be equal repayable in substantially and consecutive installments, according to a payment schedule agreed by the parties with not less than 13 days and not more than one month between payments; except that the first installment period may be longer than the remaining installment periods by not more than 15 days, and the first installment payment may be larger than the remaining installment payments by the amount of finance charges applicable to the extra days. In calculating finance charges under this subsection, when the first installment period is longer than the remaining installment periods, the amount of the finance charges applicable to the extra days shall not be greater than \$15.50 per \$100 of the original principal balance divided by the number of days in a regularly scheduled installment period and multiplied by the number of extra

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determined by subtracting the number of days in a regularly scheduled installment period from the number of days in the first installment period.

- (ii) An installment payday loan may be refinanced by a new installment payday loan one time during the term of the loan; provided that the total duration of indebtedness on the initial installment payday loan combined with the total term of indebtedness of the new loan refinancing that initial loan, shall not exceed 182 180 days. For purposes of this Act, a refinancing occurs when an existing installment payday loan is paid from the proceeds of a new installment payday loan.
- (iii) In the event an installment payday loan is paid in full prior to the date on which the last scheduled installment payment before maturity is due, other than through a refinancing, no licensee may offer or make a payday loan to the consumer for at least 2 calendar days thereafter.
- (iv) No installment payday loan may be made to a consumer if the loan would result in the consumer being indebted to one or more payday lenders for a period in excess of 182 180 consecutive days. The term "consecutive days" does not include the date on which a consumer makes the final installment payment.
- (d) (Blank).
- (e) No lender may make a payday loan to a consumer if the

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total of all payday loan payments coming due within the first 1 2 calendar month of the loan, when combined with the payment amount of all of the consumer's other outstanding payday loans 3 coming due within the same month, exceeds the lesser of:

- (1) \$1,000; or
- (2) in the case of one or more payday loans, 25% of the consumer's gross monthly income; or
- (3) in the case of one or more installment payday loans, 22.5% of the consumer's gross monthly income; or
- (4) in the case of a payday loan and an installment payday loan, 22.5% of the consumer's gross monthly income.

No loan shall be made to a consumer who has an outstanding balance on 2 payday loans, except that, for a period of 12 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, consumers with an existing CILA loan may be issued an installment loan issued under this Act from the company from which their CILA loan was issued.

(e-5) Except as provided in subsection (c)(i), no lender may charge more than \$15.50 per \$100 loaned on any payday loan, or more than \$15.50 per \$100 on the initial principal balance and on the principal balances scheduled to be outstanding during any installment period on any installment payday loan. Except for installment payday loans and except as provided in Section 2-25, this charge is considered fully earned as of the date on which the loan is made. For purposes of determining the finance charge earned on an installment payday loan, the

- 1 disclosed annual percentage rate shall be applied to the
- 2 principal balances outstanding from time to time until the loan
- 3 is paid in full, or until the maturity date, which ever occurs
- 4 first. No finance charge may be imposed after the final
- 5 scheduled maturity date.
- 6 When any loan contract is paid in full, the licensee shall
- 7 refund any unearned finance charge. The unearned finance charge
- 8 that is refunded shall be calculated based on a method that is
- 9 at least as favorable to the consumer as the actuarial method,
- 10 as defined by the federal Truth in Lending Act. The sum of the
- digits or rule of 78ths method of calculating prepaid interest
- 12 refunds is prohibited.
- 13 (f) A lender may not take or attempt to take an interest in
- any of the consumer's personal property to secure a payday
- 15 loan.
- 16 (g) A consumer has the right to redeem a check or any other
- item described in the definition of payday loan under Section
- 18 1-10 issued in connection with a payday loan from the lender
- 19 holding the check or other item at any time before the payday
- loan becomes payable by paying the full amount of the check or
- 21 other item.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 96-936, eff. 3-21-11; 97-421, eff. 1-1-12.)
- 23 (815 ILCS 122/3-5)
- Sec. 3-5. Licensure.
- 25 (a) A license to make a payday loan shall state the

- 1 address, including city and state, at which the business is to
- 2 be conducted and shall state fully the name of the licensee.
- 3 The license shall be conspicuously posted in the place of
- 4 business of the licensee and shall not be transferable or
- 5 assignable.
- 6 (b) An application for a license shall be in writing and in
- 7 a form prescribed by the Secretary. The Secretary may not issue
- 8 a payday loan license unless and until the following findings
- 9 are made:
- 10 (1) that the financial responsibility, experience,
- 11 character, and general fitness of the applicant are such as
- to command the confidence of the public and to warrant the
- belief that the business will be operated lawfully and
- 14 fairly and within the provisions and purposes of this Act;
- 15 and
- 16 (2) that the applicant has submitted such other
- information as the Secretary may deem necessary.
- 18 (c) A license shall be issued for no longer than one year,
- 19 and no renewal of a license may be provided if a licensee has
- 20 substantially violated this Act and has not cured the violation
- 21 to the satisfaction of the Department.
- 22 (d) A licensee shall appoint, in writing, the Secretary as
- 23 attorney-in-fact upon whom all lawful process against the
- licensee may be served with the same legal force and validity
- 25 as if served on the licensee. A copy of the written
- appointment, duly certified, shall be filed in the office of

- the Secretary, and a copy thereof certified by the Secretary shall be sufficient evidence to subject a licensee to jurisdiction in a court of law. This appointment shall remain in effect while any liability remains outstanding in this State against the licensee. When summons is served upon the Secretary as attorney-in-fact for a licensee, the Secretary shall immediately notify the licensee by registered mail, enclosing the summons and specifying the hour and day of service.
  - (e) A licensee must pay an annual fee of \$1,000. In addition to the license fee, the reasonable expense of any examination or hearing by the Secretary under any provisions of this Act shall be borne by the licensee. If a licensee fails to renew its license by December 31, its license shall automatically expire; however, the Secretary, in his or her discretion, may reinstate an expired license upon:
    - (1) payment of the annual fee within 30 days of the date of expiration; and
- (2) proof of good cause for failure to renew.
  - (f) Not more than one place of business shall be maintained under the same license, but the Secretary may issue more than one license to the same licensee upon compliance with all the provisions of this Act governing issuance of a single license. The location, except those locations already in existence as of June 1, 2005, may not be within one mile of a horse race track subject to the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975, within one mile of a facility at which gambling is conducted under the

- Riverboat Gambling Act, within one mile of the location at which a riverboat subject to the Riverboat Gambling Act docks, or within one mile of any State of Illinois or United States military base or naval installation.
  - under this Act within any office, suite, room, or place of business in which (1) any loans are offered or made under the Consumer Installment Loan Act other than title secured loans as defined in subsection (a) of Section 15 of the Consumer Installment Loan Act and governed by Title 38, Section 110.330 of the Illinois Administrative Code or (2) any other business is solicited or engaged in unless the other business is licensed by any licensing authority in this State the Department or, in the opinion of the Secretary, the other business would not be contrary to the best interests of consumers and is authorized by the Secretary in writing.
  - (g-5) (Blank). Notwithstanding subsection (g) of this Section, a licensee may obtain a license under the Consumer Installment Loan Act (CILA) for the exclusive purpose and use of making title secured loans, as defined in subsection (a) of Section 15 of CILA and governed by Title 38, Section 110.300 of the Illinois Administrative Code. A licensee may continue to service Consumer Installment Loan Act loans that were outstanding as of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly.
    - (h) The Secretary shall maintain a list of licensees that

- 1 shall be available to interested consumers and lenders and the
- 2 public. The Secretary shall maintain a toll-free number whereby
- 3 consumers may obtain information about licensees. The
- 4 Secretary shall also establish a complaint process under which
- 5 an aggrieved consumer may file a complaint against a licensee
- or non-licensee who violates any provision of this Act.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 96-936, eff. 3-21-11.)
- 8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 9 becoming law.